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**SELECTIONS**

FROM THE

**VERNACULAR NEWSPAPERS**

PUBLISHED IN THE

**NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES, OUDH,**

**CENTRAL PROVINCES, CENTRAL INDIA, AND RÁJPÚTÁNÁ,**

**Received up to 5th June, 1888.**

**POLITICAL.**

The *Hindustán* (Kálákankar), of the 1st June, is sorry to say that in commenting upon the various public meetings held in these provinces during the last two months for and against the National Congress, the *Indian Mirror* has made a most unjust attack on Sir Auckland Colvin. It is surprising that an old and well-informed newspaper like the *Indian Mirror* should have made such a serious mistake. Sir Auckland fully sympathizes with the aims and objects of the Congress, though he considers the movement unnecessary. He is of opinion that when natives have acquired political education and learnt to act in union by local self-government, Government will itself grant them the rights and privileges for which the Congress agitates. He has always encouraged them to take great interest in municipal administration and local self-government. Can any man be justified in calling him an enemy of the natives? The charges brought against His Honor by a correspondent of the *Advocate* were also unfounded. He communicated a letter to the press in which he expressly declared that he had no connection with Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán and his party in their opposition to the Congress. After such a clear declaration from him it is

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181 copies.

unjust to lay any blame at his door. On the contrary, he deserves praise for the friendly advice given by him to all classes of natives in his darbar speeches. Even if he were an opponent of the National Congress, no native newspaper would be justified in abusing him, because a mere difference of opinion is not a sign of enmity. But, of course, the conduct of those men who oppose the National Congress from selfish motives and who are to be found in large numbers among the followers of Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán cannot be too strongly condemned.

The same paper of the 2nd June says that the *Hindu Patriot* of Calcutta has a very able article on Mr. Theodore Beck, the Principal of the Aligarh Muhammadan College, with reference to his writings against the National Congress. The Calcutta newspaper gives him very good advice towards the end of the article. It says that if Mr. Beck is so anxious to promote the interests of Musalmáns, he should abstain from political discussions and devote his entire attention to giving Muhammadan boys an English education. Only two boys have passed the B.A. Examination from the Aligarh Muhammadan College this year, and they are both Hindús. Mr. Beck cannot do better than follow the advice of the *Hindu Patriot*. He should leave political discussions to his tutor Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán, and himself do the work for which he is paid. The College has not yet made itself as useful as it should be.

The same paper of the 1st June says that Englishmen used to be in the habit of demanding subscriptions from native princes with the assistance of Political Agents and Residents for works of public utility in England, and that the native princes were obliged to comply with their demands to avoid incurring the displeasure of Political Agents and Residents. The *St. James Gazette* entered a strong protest against the practice, and it is a matter of satisfaction that the Government of India has forbidden the collection of such subscriptions in future.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The *Bhārat Bandhu* (Aligarh), of the 1st June, says that not a single native is discontented with Her Majesty's rule. But dissatisfaction sometimes breaks out among the people owing to the high-handedness and injustice of European officers, especially as the latter, as a rule, are not punished for their misbehaviour. The *Bengālī* newspaper of Calcutta has published a sad story of the misbehaviour of a Sessions Judge. It is alleged that in Behar a man of bad character secretly entered the house of a person and there concealed himself with a view to committing a theft. He was discovered, seized, and made over to the police. The Sessions Judge, to whom the accused was committed for trial, suspected the conduct of the daughter of the man in whose house the accused had been caught, and asked her if she had ever had sexual intercourse with any person. The girl, who was only 12 years of age, denied the charge, but the Judge was not satisfied and ordered her to be examined by an Assistant Surgeon. The girl, her parents and brothers protested against the examination in vain and were much grieved at her ill-treatment. Nothing could be more unjustifiable than the ill-treatment of a young girl in such a way in a trial under section 454 of the Indian Penal Code. Heaven protect natives from dishonour! It will be a matter of deep regret if the Judge is not severely punished by Government.

Circulation,  
100 copies.

The *Āzād* (Lucknow), of the 1st June, says that the assessments of the income-tax made in Lucknow in 1885 and 1886 were very unsatisfactory. But since last year Mirza Irfan Ali Beg, the Tahsildar, has been revising the assessments with great care. As he has had to increase the tax in many cases and also to tax many persons who were hitherto exempt, the Deputy Commissioner is sure to receive a large number of objections. But it is to be hoped that the Deputy Commissioner will not readily alter the assessments made by the Tahsildar; otherwise well-to-do persons who are able to pay the tax will again escape scot-free and the

Circulation,  
240 copies.

poorer classes will be taxed. There is a dancing-girl, named Badr-i-Munir, who has obtained about Rs. 50,000 from Chaudhri Asghar Ali of Budaun during the last eight months, and in the western part of the city many traders, too, have large incomes. These persons should be fully taxed according to their incomes.

Circulation,  
100 copies.

The *Musfil-i-Ām* (Agra), of the 1st June, says that there is general dissatisfaction among the Muhammadan community of Agra with the proceedings of the committee appointed for the management of the Royal mosques. Hakim Saiyid Aulad Ali, a member of the committee, died more than two months ago, but the remaining members have not yet published a notice under Act XX. of 1863, calling upon the Muhammadan community to elect a new member in place of the deceased. It would seem that their object is to get some man whom they like appointed by the District Judge at the expiration of three months from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy. It is to be hoped that the Judge will not himself appoint a member, but will order the committee to hold an election as usual. Again, about two years ago the committee was ordered by Government to publish an account of the income and expenditure of the mosques for the information of the Muhammadan public, but it has not yet done so. The *Musfil-i-Ām* is of opinion that the members of such committees should not be allowed to hold their office for life. The post should be tenable only for a fixed number of years like that of municipal commissioners, but, of course, a member should be eligible for re-election at the expiration of his term. In that case the members would perform their duties more carefully and make a point of winning the good will of the electors. Qualifications similar to those for municipal electors should be fixed for electors appointed under the Religious Endowments Act. If the Act were amended in accordance with these suggestions, there would be a great improvement in the management of religious endowments throughout the country.

The *Akhbār-i-Ālam* (Meerut), of the 29th May, regrets

Circulation,  
68 copies.

Alleged general failure of  
the Muhammadan candi-  
dates for the Entrance Exa-  
mination.

to say that some newspapers ascribe  
the general failure of the Muhammad-  
an candidates for the Entrance Exa-  
mination of the Calcutta University to the Muhammadan  
opposition to the National Congress. It is not known how  
far their statement is well founded, but there is no doubt  
that the unsatisfactory result of the examination this year  
is due to some special cause. Of the 2,720 boys who have  
passed, only 187 are Musalmáns.

The *Mihr-i-Nimroz* (Bijnor), of the 28th May, praises

Circulation,  
250 copies.

Mr. Macpherson, the  
Magistrate of Bijnor.

Mr. Macpherson, the Magistrate and  
Collector of Bijnor, for his justice and  
sympathy with the people, and says that he has strictly  
forbidden all tahsildars, police officials, chaprasis and other  
officials in the district to oppress or ill-treat the people in  
any way. No force or oppression is allowed to be practised  
in the collection of supplies for officials' camps during the  
winter, nor is anything allowed to be taken from any trader  
without its price being paid. The inhabitants of Bijnor are  
very fortunate that they have got such a sympathetic officer  
to rule over them. In conclusion, the *Mihr-i-Nimroz* observes  
that when any noblemen or gentlemen call upon the Magis-  
trate, he should make enquiries from them as to the condi-  
tion of the people. In this way he would be able to get  
much useful information.

A local correspondent of the *Agra Punch*, of the 4th

Alleged misbehaviour of  
a Muhammadan Special  
Magistrate at Agra.

June, refers to the cases of Rájá Lál,  
Deputy Collector, Aligarh, and other  
native officers who were struck in  
their Courts with shoes by persons abused by them, and  
complains that a Muhammadan Special Magistrate at Agra,  
a retired Deputy Collector, is in the habit of abusing per-  
sons who appear before him as plaintiffs or defendants. The  
editor advises the Special Magistrate, who is also President  
of the Anjuman-i-Islamia, to refrain from using abusive lan-  
guage, and tells him that otherwise he is sure to be beaten with

shoes by some person sooner or later. Government had also better make an enquiry into the matter.

Circulation,  
200 copies.

The *Subodh Sindhu* (Khandwá), of the 30th May, referring to the memorial forwarded by Mr. Karsetji Sorabji Jaswala to the

Cow-slaughter.

Supreme Government, urging the stoppage of cow-slaughter, approves of the memorial and asks the Government to give the subject its best attention. Dissatisfaction is increasing more and more every day among Hindús owing to the killing of kine.

Circulation,  
120 copies.

The *Vritta Dhárá* (Dhár), of the 31st May, condemns the killing of kine and regrets to say that, in spite of frequent appeals

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made by Hindús, Government has not yet seen its way to putting a stop to the evil practice. It is surprising that no man can cut down a tree situated even in his own land without the permission of Government, while any person can freely kill useful animals like kine without let or hindrance.

Circulation,  
432 copies.

The *Rájputána Gazette* (Ajmere), of the 28th May, advertising to the death of Mr. L. S. Saunders,

Death of Mr. Saunders, the late Commissioner of Ajmere.

the late Commissioner of Berar and the late Commissioner of Ajmere, caused by a fall from his horse, expresses deep regret at his death and refers to the benefits which he bestowed on the inhabitants of Ajmere during his administration.

#### NATIVE STATES.

Circulation,  
180 copies.

The *Najmu-l-Akhbár* (Etáwáh) of the 1st June, regrets to

Musalmán's not allowed to ride on horseback in Cutch.

say that in some Native States some barbarous customs of the dark old days still prevail. In Cutch no Muhammadan is allowed to ride on horseback. The Musalmán's of the State lately applied to the ruling prince for the removal of the unjust disability under which they labour, but he did not accede to their wishes. It is surprising that a prince who has had the benefit of a visit to England should tolerate such objectionable customs in his State.

The *Vritta Dhārā* (Dhār), of the 31st May, in commenting upon the same subject, advises the Rao of Cutch to allow Musalmāns to ride on horseback, and says that the removal of the disability would greatly add to his reputation for justice and impartiality.

Circulation,  
120 copies.

Alleged misbehaviour of  
Diwan Raghunāth Rao, the  
ex-Prime Minister of  
Indore.

The *Subodh Sindhu* (Khandwā), of the 30th May, says that it appears from the *Eastern Herald* of Mhow that when Diwan Raghunāth Rao was still the Prime Minister of Indore, he communicated confidential information about the condition of affairs in the State to the *Pioneer*, an inveterate enemy of this country. If the statement of the Mhow newspaper is well founded, it is a great misfortune of this country that a man of light and leading like the Diwan who considers himself a great social reformer and aspires to be placed in the same category of Hindu law-givers as Vyas, Manu, and Parashar, should have misbehaved himself in this way. This country cannot be expected to make any progress until the leaders of the native community mend their ways. 'Was not the conduct of the Diwan like that of a traitor?

Circulation,  
200 copies.

Rao Bahādur Vinayak  
Janārdan Kirtane, the new  
Prime Minister of Indore.

The same paper approves of the appointment of Rao Bahādur Vinayak Janārdan Kirtane as the Prime Minister of Indore, gives a brief account of his life, praises him for his abilities, and hopes that the Mahārāja will be able to get on well with him, particularly as he was tutor to His Highness for some time.

The *Sajjan Kirti Sudhakar* (Udaipur), of the 28th May, gives a brief account of the public meeting held by the Mahārāna of Udaipur on the Queen's birthday to open the new building erected by His Highness for the accommodation of the female hospital called the Walter Hospital. The Resident was present at the meeting, and a suitable speech was made by Shāmalādasji, the poet laureate of the State.

Circulation,  
160 copies.

## POST-OFFICE.

Circulation,  
250 copies.

The *Mihir-i-Nimroz* (Bijnor), of the 28th May, on the authority of its Nagina correspondent, complains that as there are only two peons in the post-office at Nagina, the mails are not delivered quickly enough. One peon has to deliver letters and pay money-orders throughout the city and its suburbs and the other in the outlying villages. Nagina has a population of 22,100 and is a centre of trade. One peon is not enough either for the city or for the interior of the tahsíl. The peon who delivers letters in the villages is able to visit each village only once a week. Lately, when an inhabitant of Mahmudpur, Nagina, complained of delay in the receipt of his copy of the *Mihir-i-Nimroz*, the editor reported the matter to the Postmaster of Bijnor, who made an enquiry from the Deputy Postmaster of Nagina. The result of the enquiry was that the delay was found to be due to the want of peons. The *Mihir-i-Nimroz* hopes that the Postmaster-General will take the subject into consideration and remedy the evil.

## LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Circulation,  
180 copies.

The *Najmu-l-Akhbár* (Etáwah), of the 1st June, is sorry to say that of late the relations between Hindús and Musalmáns throughout the country have become very unsatisfactory. The two classes quarrel with each other even over very small matters. It would seem that a Muhammadan shot a monkey at Chandausi, Moradabad. The Hindús considered the killing of the brute an insult to their religion and closed their shops, suspending all trade. The District Superintendent of Police, Moradabad, has gone to Chandausi to prevent the occurrence of any riots.

Circulation,  
342 copies.

The *Rájputána Gazette* (Ajmere), of the 28th May, referring to some of the suggestions made by the Executive Engineer of Ajmere to the Municipal and Local Boards in his note dated 11th March, with a view to improving the

sanitary condition of the city, protests against his proposals for filling up the Bisala tank with earth and demolishing the city walls. The tank was made by Rája Bisaldeo Chauhan and is of historical importance, and therefore it should not be filled up. The demolition of the city walls would cost thousands of rupees, but would do no good. On the contrary, the people would be deprived of the protection which the walls afford them against thieves and robbers.

The correspondent of the *Agra Punch*, of the 4th June, says that on the 5th May, when a well-to-do native of Mursan was getting a paper written by a petition-writer outside the compound of the tahsildár's office at Mahában, his bag, in which there were among other things Rs. 310 in cash and currency notes and other valuable documents worth Rs. 2,000, was stolen. He reported the matter to the police officials, but they at first threatened him and then recorded his report in such a way that the case might not look a serious one.

The same correspondent of the *Agra Punch* says that two or three European soldiers of the Muttra garrison lately shot two women and some men while out shooting in Mahában. The women have died of their wounds and the men lie in a hospital at Muttra. The soldiers' dog, which was seized and detained by the villagers, led to their identification, and they are now awaiting their trial. It is however, almost needless to say that the accused will escape scot-free as usual.

A correspondent of the *Mihr-i-Némroz* (Bijnor), of the 28th May, refers to a highway robbery which lately occurred near the Jhánsi cantonment. Five men of the Bania caste, who were accompanied by their families, were attacked by six robbers, who severely wounded two of them, killed a child, and carried away property valued at Rs. 20,024.

Circulation,  
250 copies.

Circulation,  
113 copies.

**The *Rosánah* (Lucknow), of the 31st May, is glad to say that the young Magistrate of Lucknow is an energetic officer and works hard in deciding cases. He would confer a great favour upon the people if he rid the city of men of bad character, who levy blackmail from respectable persons in a variety of ways and have made themselves a terror to them.**

## LIST OF NEWSPAPERS EXAMINED.

No.	NAME.	LOCALITY.	LANGUAGE.	MONTHLY, WEEKLY, OR OTHERWISE.	NAME OF PUBLISHER.	DATE OF PAPER.	DATE OF RECEIPT.	CIRCULATION.
						1888.	1888.	
1	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Masulihadd	Urdu	Weekly	Muhammad Haddi Husain.	May 21st	June 3rd	140 copies.
2	<i>Ash-i-Aurangzeb</i>	Aurangzeb	"	"	Qudrat Ali	"	1st	208
3	<i>Ash-i-Akbar</i>	Agra	"	"	Tajammul-Husain,	" 28th	" 4th	200
4	<i>Ash-i-Bas</i>	"	"	"	Amir Khan	" 28th & June 4th.	May 30th & June 5th.	"
5	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Masulihadd	"	"	Muqarrab Husain Khan.	" 29th	June 1st	63
6	<i>Adh-i-Chander</i>	Chunar	"	"	Hanuman Prasad	"	May 30th	215
7	<i>Ash-i-Taj</i>	Gawalpore	"	"	Rahmatullah	June 1st	June 5th	200
8	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Aligarh	Urdu-English.	Bi-weekly	Gulab Rai	May 29th & June 2nd.	May 31st & June 4th.	500 copies (including 280 copies taken by Government).
9	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Almore	Hindi	Weekly	Sadd Nand	" 28th	30th	85 copies.
10	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Masulihadd	Urdu	"	Amir Ali	June 1st	June 5th	180
11	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Lucknow	"	"	Chandan Lal	May 26th	" 1st	240
12	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	"	"	"	Ahmad Ali	June 1st	" 4th	100
13	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Aligarh	Hindi	"	Mohir Chand Varmā,	" 4th	" 5th	2,000
14	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Banars	"	"	Ram Krishn Varmā,	" 4th	" 5th	380
15	<i>Adh-i-Bas</i>	Farrukhabad.	"	Monthly	Narayan Das	For May	" 3rd	"

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16	<i>Bulbul-i-Hind</i>	... Moradabad ...	Urdu	Weekly	Kishun Sardip	May 28th	June 2nd	250 copies.
17	<i>Dabdeba-i-Qaisari</i>	... Bareilly ...	"	"	Thakur Prasad	June 2nd	" 4th	425 "
18	<i>Dabdeba-i-Sikandar</i>	... Rampur ...	"	"	Muhammad Husain,	May 28th	May 30th	"
19	<i>Gulab-i-Oudh</i>	... Sultanpur ...	"	"	Nirodam Das	" 29th	June 2nd	"
20	<i>Himal-i-Hind</i>	... Allahabad ...	"	"	Sadar-i-din	" 20th	" 1st	400 "
21	<i>Hindustan</i>	... Kalkinagar ...	Hindi	Daily	Gur Datt Sukla	" 29th to June 30th	May 30th to June 4th	181 "
22	<i>Jaipur Gazette</i>	... Jaipur ...	Hindi-Urdu	Bi-weekly	Mahabir Prasad	" 3rd.	June 2nd & 5th	100 "
23	<i>Jalwa-i-Hind</i>	... Meerut ...	Urdu	Weekly	Muhammad Khalid	June 2nd	" 5th	130 "
24	<i>Jam-i-Jamshed</i>	... Moradabad ...	"	"	Jamshed Ali	May 20th	" 2nd	150 "
25	<i>Kanauj Punch</i>	... Kanauj ...	"	Bi-monthly	Bhagga Khan	June 1st	" "	160 "
26	<i>Karnatak</i>	... Lucknow ...	"	Weekly	Muhammad Yaqub	May 28th	May 31st	250 "
27	<i>Kashmir Patriotic</i>	... Benares ...	Hindi-Urdu	"	Lakshmi Shankar	June 2nd	June 4th	501 copies (including 343 copies taken by Government).
28	<i>Kashmiri Akhbar</i>	... Lucknow ...	Urdu	"	Budra Prasad	" 1st	" "	200 copies.
29	<i>Kashmir-i-Afagh</i>	... Pilibhit ...	"	"	Mashar Ahsan Khan,	May 28th	" 3rd	200 "
30	<i>Kashmir-i-Qaisar</i>	... Lucknow ...	"	"	Ghulam Muhammad,	" 29th	" 1st	47 "
31	<i>Kashmir-i-Nir</i>	... Cawnpore ...	"	"	Durga Prasad	June 2nd	" 5th	150 "
32	<i>Kashmir-i-Patriotic</i>	... Rampur ...	"	"	Muhammad Raza	May 31st	" 3rd	"

33	Mashru-i-Zirafat	Meerut	Hindi-Urdú	Monthly	Muqarrab Khan.	Husain For May	May 30th	289 copies (in- cluding 50 copies taken by Govern- ment.
34	Meerut Gazette	"	Hindi	"	Pandit Gauri Dat	"	June 3rd	250 copies.
35	Mir-i-Nimroz	Bijnor	Urdú	Weekly	Karim-ul-lah	May 28th	May 31st	100 "
36	Mafid-i-Am	Agrá	"	Tri-monthly	Ahmad Khan	June 1st	June 4th	180 "
37	Najarat-i-Aam	Moradabad	"	Weekly	Amjad Ali	May 28th	" 1st	180 "
38	Najarat-i-Akhbar	Etawah	"	Bi-weekly	Bahu-l-lah Khan	June 1st	" 2nd	180 "
39	Najarat-i-Agra	Agrá	"	Weekly	Jamná Dás Biswas	May 30th	May 31st	385 "
40	Najarat-i-Hind	Fatehpur	"	"	Kunj Bihari Lal	May 15th & 23rd,	" 31st & June	50 "
41	Najarat-i-Jaunpur	Jaunpur	"	"	Muhammad Ishaq	Apl. 10th & 17th,	" 1st	50 "
42	Nigamoniyá	Lucknow	"	Monthly	Debi Prasad	For May	June 2nd	181 "
43	Nawarat-i-Sunat	Benares	"	"	Muhammad Said	For Mar. & Apl.	" 5th	161 "
44	Nigara Sudh	Harda	M a r á t h í - English.	Weekly	Bárudeva Bháskar	May 30th	May 31st	400 "
45	Oudh Akhbar	Lucknow	Urdú	Daily	Sheo Prasad	" 30th to June	" 30th to June	595 copies (in- cluding 94 copies taken by Govern- ment).
46	Oudh Panch	"	"	Weekly	Sajid Husain	24th	May 31st	450 copies.
47	Priyog, Bandochar	Alidhabad	Hindi	"	Dewaki Nandan	June 4th	June 5th	500 "
48	Rafiat-i-Akhbar	Benares	Urdú	"	Ghulam Husain	May 28th	May 31st	200 "
49	Rajprasad Gazette	Ajmere	Hindi-Urdú	"	Murád Ali	"	" 30th	432 "
50	Ras Pradab	Batham	Urdú	"	Muhammad Abdu-l- Haq.	24th	June 2nd	150 "
51	Rakshas Panch	Moradabad	"	"	Jamshed Ali	20th	" 1st	150 "
52	Rasul	Lucknow	"	Bi-weekly	Tegh Bahadur	" 28th & 31st & June 4th.	" 5th.	113 "
53	Rafiat-i-Sudh	Udaipur	Hindi	Weekly	Banshi Dhar	28th	1st	160 "
54	Sudh Hindoo	Khandwa	Martand Hindi	"	Lakshman Anant	" 30th	" 3rd	200 "

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55	<i>Sarwa-i-Bagdr</i>	Agri	Urdu	Weekly	First Humam	June 1st	June 2nd	258 copies.
56	<i>Sarfa-i-Qasari</i>	Rampur	"	"	Muhammad Rana	May 31st	" 2nd	137 "
57	<i>Talish</i>	Moradabad	"	"	Musaffir Ali Khan,	" 27th	May 30th	60 "
58	<i>Tammasdi</i>	Lucknow	"	"	Pirun Chand	June 1st	June 3rd	125 "
59	<i>Frit Dildar</i>	Dhar	M s r s t h f.	"	Balwant Kishor Nath,	May 31st	" "	130 "
60	<i>Zarfa-i-Hind</i>	Meerut	Urdu	"	Sabit Ali	" 24th & June 1st.	" 1st & 5th	280 "

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